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FM AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUJUMBURA 0357

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (SMITH AND HUNTER)

SUBJECT: USE OF PRIESTS AS GO-BETWEENS

FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MACFARLANE IN KIGOMA, WHICH WAS CARRIED TO BUJUMBURA BY SAFEHAND MAY 29, WAS MARKED FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY TO DAR ES SALAAM. HOWEVER, SINCE IT TOUCHES ON QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH CAPTORS OF STUDENTS, AND SINCE THAT QUESTION IS ALSO BEING DISCUSSED IN TRAFFIC FROM KINSHASA AND FROM CONSUL LOVING (NOW IN BUJUMBURA), WE HAVE DECIDED TO EXPAND LIST OF ADDRESSEES.

QTE 1. IN RADIOCON WITH AMBASSADOR CARTER ON MAY 26, WE ALLUDED TO CONVERSATIONS THAT WE HAVE BEEN HAVING WITH LOCAL PARISH PRIESTS WHO MAY HAVE PARISHIONERS WHO COULD OPEN UP MEANS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HERE AND REBEL BASE ON WEST SIDE OF LAKE. KEY POINT TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT THERE IS LAKE TRAFFIC BETWEEN HERE AND OTHER SIDE OF LAKE AS FISHERMAN AND SMUGGLERS PLY THEIR TRADE AND MEMBERS OF WABEMBE TRIBE RELOCATE TO EITHER SIDE OF LAKE AS SPIRIT AND LOCAL PRESSURES MOVE THEM. FRENCH PARISH PRIEST IN KIGOMA BELIEVES THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO

VISIT TWO VILLAGES IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF WHERE BARBARA SMUTS WAS RELEASED AND TO PASS WORD THAT WE WISH TO GET INTO COMMUNICATION
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WITH THOSE REBELS WHO ARE HOLDING OTHER STUDENTS.

QTE 2 IT IS OUR BELIEF RPT BELIEF THAT SIX MEN WHO PADDLED
SMUTS ACROSS LAKE FOR 14 HOURS MAY NOT HAVE RETURNED
IMMEDIATELY, BUT HAVE SAFEHAVEN IN AREA BETWEEN HERE AND GOMBI
STREAM. IF WE COULD MAKE CONTACT WITH FRIENDS OF THE REBELS IN
THAT SAFEHAVEN, WE COULD SECURE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION ACROSS
LAKE.

QTE 3 PLEASE ADVISE IF WE SHOULD PURSUE EITHER MATTER
FURTHER. END QTE.
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